

House Resolution No. 1500

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the "Glory of Missouri": Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

Whereas, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with the inscription: "All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme, the Glory of Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great."; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" virtues were engraved in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission, which recognized their relevance and importance to the early Missouri Legislature; and

Whereas, the "Glory of Missouri" Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state's young people, the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Melissa Hager, a student at Assumption Parish School in St. Louis, has been selected to receive the "Glory of Missouri" Award for her accomplishments in the area of LIBERTY as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922: "There is no higher or better conception of Liberty with all it means to us and to the world than our own Goddess of Liberty resounding the national motto - "E Pluribus Unum" (In God We Trust).":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in commending Melissa Hager for her noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of "LIBERTY", and in extending heartfelt congratulations to her at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melissa Hager, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____

Representative Walt Bivins
District No. 97

Representative Jim Lembke
District No. 85

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1500, adopted April 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker